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TROY PEDIATRICIAN PLEADS GUILTY TO RECEIVING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

To Serve Five Years in Prison and Forfeit Interest in House

DAYTON - Robert Reinhold, age 55, and a pediatrician in Troy, Ohio pleaded guilty in United States District Court here today to one count of receipt of child pornography.

Gregory G. Lockhart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio and Brian Moskowitz, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) announced the plea entered today before United States District Judge Thomas M. Rose.

According to a statement of facts filed with his plea and agreed to by Reinhold, between April 22, 2003 and October 24, 2007, Reinhold knowingly received and possessed visual depictions of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct, those depictions having been mailed and transported in interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer.

Reinhold admitted that he received and possessed the child pornography at his house, by purchasing multiple subscriptions to commercial child pornography websites which offered members-only access to images of child pornography. He saved more than 600 images and movies on his home computer and on an external hard drive connected to it.

Reinhold printed out hundreds of the images which he kept and stored at his home. Among the child pornography found were images of prepubescent minors and minors under the age of 12.

As part of his plea agreement, Reinhold agreed to forfeit to the United States his computer equipment and storage media, as well as his interest in his house. Federal law mandates forfeiture of both personal and real property used or intended to be used to commit or promote the commission of certain child exploitation offenses, including receipt or possession of child pornography. Reinhold agreed to pay to the United States more than \$130,000, which was the value of his interest in the house.

Receipt of child pornography is punishable by at least five and up to 20 years imprisonment, five years up to a lifetime of supervised release, and a fine of up to \$250,000.

"Investigators have determined that these are images of real children," Lockhart said, "but at this time, none of the victims appear to be patients of his."

Lockhart commended the ICE agents who conducted the investigation, along with Assistant U.S. Attorney Laura Clemmens, who is prosecuting the case, and Assistant U.S. Attorney Pamela Stanek, who is prosecuting the parallel civil forfeiture case.

ICE agents arrested Reinhold in October 2007 as part of Operation Predator, a nationwide ICE initiative to protect children from sexual predators, including those who travel overseas for sex with minors, Internet child pornographers, criminal alien sex offenders, and child sex traffickers.

Since Operation Predator was launched in July 2003, ICE agents have arrested more than 10,000 individuals, including more than 110 in Ohio.

“It a tragedy when those who are supposed to protect children choose to exploit them instead” said Brian M. Moskowitz, Special Agent in Charge of the ICE Office of Investigations in Ohio and Michigan. “Thankfully, the aggressive efforts of ICE and the U.S. Attorney’s office helped prevent the further exploitation of the child victims whose images were held by Mr. Reinhold.”

ICE encourages the public to report suspected child predators and any suspicious activity through its toll-free hotline at 1-866-DHS-2ICE. This hotline is staffed around the clock by investigators.

Suspected child sexual exploitation or missing children may be reported to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, an Operation Predator partner, at 1-800-843-5678 or <http://www.cybertipline.com>.

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